

Among Us has gained popularity fast in 2020, when it was originally released in 2018. This is because Twitch & Youtube gamers and streamers began playing it and it suddenly gained a mass of interest. The game is an easy on the eye, problem solving game where you are placed together (can be as a family, or online up to 10 people) and you search around an area whilst someone in your party is secretly a "killer" and has to pick you off one by one and sabotage the ship you're stationed on. After each killing, there is a cooldown period where you come together as a group and discuss who you think might be the killer, when in actual fact the killer is discussing the same fact with you. Get it wrong, the killer wins, get it right and you have to evacuate and avoid the killer to win the game.

You can kick and personally ban someone from your game, whilst in the gameplay. There are NO reporting functions to the developers or anyone else to report abuse or similar issues.



Age
Restriction



Beware, the game is great for families who want to use technology together and turn it into some fun. The game has similarities to old-style board games such as Cluedo. But children can switch between a local game and online game in seconds and be speaking to literally anyone, keep conversations open about this.

Among Us can be encouraged to be played together as a family if you see fit. It is a problem solving game that when played in a friendly environment and above the age rating, can make for some great family time together using technology.



GOOD POINTS

- You can host a "local game" which works on your WiFi for just your friends or family to play the game together.
- New security features means that you can now "boot" players who you don't want in your game. Before, you had to endure abuse or poor gamesmanship for the time of the game.
- The game lacks any cutting edge chat facility and is very basic so you cannot have long or extensive chats on the game.



BAD POINTS

- The game is based on going around a ship, either killing people sneakily or being killed by surprise, some parents will frown upon this style of game.
- You can play online and chat with players, like most online games, which has the general risks attached to it.
 - The game developers were not expecting such a surge in gameplay. They are focusing on the game to make sure it is fun and safe, but there may be issues you come across initially and the reporting functions are poor and appear to be unresponsive.



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Parent Opinion:

Mother of 7, 9 & 11 year old boys

I play this with my kids, and I find it good fun but the media coverage of it I have seen has worried me a bit. My kids play it with me I don't allow them to play it online but then do they do it anyway? Before I read the news, we found this really fun and played it free of worry, I plan to go back to that!



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